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**MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD**

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**SUBJECT:** Comments by [REDACTED] regarding Academic Preparation

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During her exit interview on 31 October, I asked [REDACTED] how well she felt her academic training fitted her for duties undertaken in CIA - was there anything we should emphasize in contacts with department chairmen and other authorities when visiting academia?

STATINTL [REDACTED] responded as follows:

a. The most important training to emphasize is the communication of ideas. She was lucky, because she'd had an English minor - even then she had troubles.

b. Other important subject preparation for geographers:

Basic economics  
Physical geography  
Sociology - social anthropology  
Cultural geography  
Statistics

c. Regional focus is highly desirable, she feels. The work of a new employee inevitably takes longer, requires more checking, and risks being invalid without it.

STATINTL [REDACTED]

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